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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

March 10, 1919

By direction of the President, a meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Society of International Law was held in Washington, D. C., at No. 2 Jackson Place, on Monday morning, March 10, at 10.30 o'clock.

Present:

Hon. ELIHU ROOT

Dr. DAVID JAYNE HILL

Mr. CHARLES NOBLE GREGORY

Hon. CHANDLER P. ANDERSON

Mr. JACKSON H. RALSTON

Mr. Root presided.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the purpose of the meeting was to decide whether or not the Society should hold its regular public annual meeting this year and, if not, what course should be followed at the time when the annual meeting ordinarily takes place. After considerable discussion and after the members had stated their various reasons why a public meeting of the Society should not be held for discussion at the usual time this year, it was unanimously decided to recommend that the President call a meeting of the Executive Council instead, for the transaction of business and such other action as the Council may then decide upon.

The TREASURER presented two bills of Mr. George A. Finch for services as Secretary of the Board of Editors and Business Manager of the *American Journal of International Law* and Assistant to the Secretaries of the American Society of International Law during the months of December, 1918, and January, 1919. He stated that as Mr. Finch was out of the country attending the Peace Conference and as there was no formal authorization for his salary to be continued, he desired the Executive Committee to give him the necessary authority to pay the bills. After brief consideration the Committee decided to consider Mr. Finch as on leave of absence with pay.

Mr. GREGORY stated that as the Secretary of the Society, Dr. James Brown Scott, was absent from the country, there should be appointed someone to act in his place. He therefore moved that Dr. S. N. D. North, Assistant Secretary of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, of which Dr. Scott is the Secretary, be temporarily appointed in Dr. Scott's place. Dr. North was then unanimously elected Secretary *pro tem* of the American Society of International Law during Dr. Scott's absence abroad.

Whereupon, at 11.45 a. m., the Committee adjourned.

ELIHU ROOT,
Chairman.